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MEMORANDUM FOR: National Intelligence Officer for USSR

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Soviet Leadership Succession

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1. In Malcolm Toon's valedictory message, I believe he talked about the Soviet leadership's succession taking place in 1980. I see we have on Brezhnev's increasing frailty and signs that he and his colleagues are increasingly wrapped up in the succession issue.

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2. I would like to chat about this with you and whomever you suggest for a few minutes before long.

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